

Appl. No. : 09/523,877  
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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 14-20, 23, and 25-43 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 23, 35, and 41 without prejudice, amended Claims 1, 2, 14, 17, 20, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, and 43, and added new claims 44-52. Accordingly, Claims 1-5, 14-20,  
5 25-32, 37-40, and 42-52 are presented herein for examination.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the Response to Office Action filed January 7, 2004, wherein a complete discussion and remarks are presented. Pursuant to Page 2 of the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, (citing 37 CFR §1.121), Applicant has not submitted these previous remarks herewith. If the Examiner has any questions or comments  
10 which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

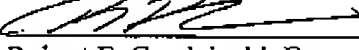
Respectfully submitted,

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